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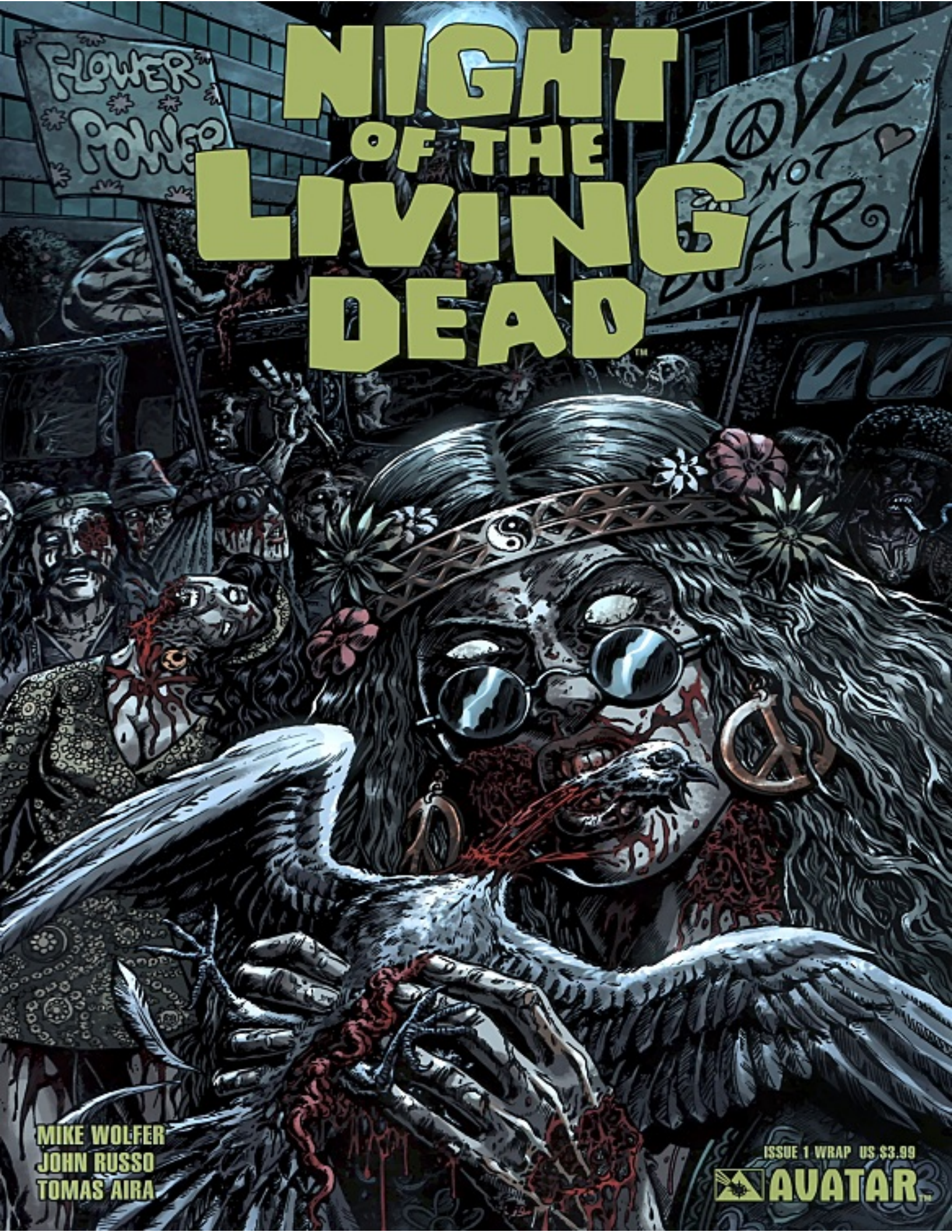
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WHAT'S HE
DOING?
DOES HE
SEE US?

IT'S NO
BIG DEAL.
THE DOORS
ARE LOCKED.

WHAT IF
HE'S GOT
A GUN...



OR WHAT IF
HE'S ONE OF
THOSE SHOL
THINGS THEY WERE
TALKING ABOUT
LAST MONTH?

OH, COME ON,
THAT WAS
BULLSHIT.

THE NEWS SAID IT
WAS MILITANTS.
ANTI-WAR
PROTESTERS.



OH, MY
GOD,
TOMMY... HE'S
GONNA KILL
US...

HE'S
ONE OF
THEM...

JUST
SHHH... BE
COOL...



HEY.

ROUTE 495
IS DOWN
THAT WAY,
ISN'T IT?

...YEAH.

FAR
OUT.



OOOO...
DID YOU SEE
THAT ZOMBIE
JUST WALK
BY?

SMMECK!

SHUT
UP,
TOMMY!







WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'?

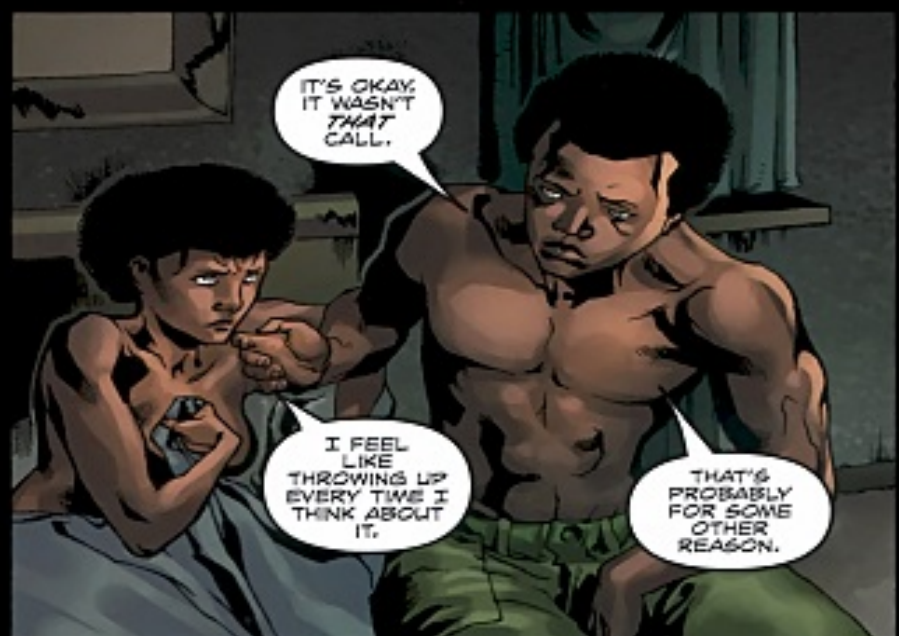
I KNOW, BUT WHY?

I JUST GOT OUT OF THE SHOWER.



I GOT CALLED IN.

OH, NO... JOHN...



IT'S OKAY, IT WASN'T *THAT* CALL.

I FEEL LIKE THROWING UP EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT IT.

THAT'S PROBABLY FOR SOME OTHER REASON.



IT'S NOT.

DOESN'T IT WORRY YOU?

...



WELL, DOESN'T IT?

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY?

JUST SAY ANYTHING, SO THAT I CAN AT LEAST TELL YOU GIVE A DAMN.



"WE DO, BUT NO
MATTER WHAT YOU
SAY, IT DOESN'T
CHANGE THINGS."

"I STILL NEVER
KNOW IF YOU'RE
COMING HOME
WHEN YOU WALK
OUT THAT DOOR."

"I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE
OF THIS, JOHN. I CAN'T."



HEY,
HOW FAR
YOU
GOIN'?

INTO
PG.



GROOVY,
US, TOO.
HOP IN.

YOU ON
YOUR WAY
TO THE
PEACE
RALLY?



IT'S A
"PEACE
RALLY"
NOW?

I GUESS
THAT SOUNDS
BETTER THAN
"PROTEST."

DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
WAKING HER UP,
SHE'S BEEN
ASLEEP FOR
TWO HOURS.



HI.

I'M CHRISTIAN.

WELL GOOD FOR YOU, THAT MEAN YOU'RE A JESUS FREAK?

IT'S MY NAME.



HM, YOU A SOLDIER?

I WAS.

BEEN TO 'NAM?

LOOK, I JUST NEED A RIDE, NOT A...

HEY, MAN...



I'M ROGER, THIS IS TRACY, THE GRUMPY ONE BACK THERE'S LAURA.

I DON'T WANT TO BE RUDE, BUT ARE YOU A VET? DID YOU JUST GET BACK?



FIVE MONTHS AGO.

I GUESS IT WAS BAD, HUH?



YOU COULD SAY THAT.

IT'S BAD ALL OVER. LOTS OF PEOPLE PISSED FOR THE WRONG REASONS.











SO WHERE
YOU FROM
ORIGINALLY,
CHRISTIAN?



PENNSYLVANIA.

YOU
WANT A
TOKE?

NO,
THANKS.

WHERE IN
PENNSYLVANIA?



OUT
WEST.

WAY TO
NARROW IT
DOWN.

IF I SAID
"MONROEVILLE,"
WOULD YOU KNOW
WHERE I WAS
TALKING
ABOUT?

WHAT
ABOUT YOU
GUYS?



SILVER
SPRING,
JUST UP THE
ROAD.

SOME OF
THESE PEOPLE
OUT HERE ARE
COMING FROM
WAY FAR OFF.



THE PFN SAYS
IT'S GOING TO BE
THE BIGGEST
PROTEST SO FAR
IN THE WHOLE
COUNTRY.

WHAT'S
PFN?

THE
PEACE AND
FREEDOM
NEWS. IT'S
REALLY FAR
OUT.



SO I'M
CURIOUS, MAN.
YOU SAW
ACTION?

YEAH.

BUT YOU'RE
GOING TO DC NOW,
SO WHAT YOU SAW
CHANGED YOUR MIND
ABOUT WHAT WE'RE
DOING OVER THERE?



IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL.

I DIDN'T RUN DOWN TO THE RECRUITMENT CENTER AND SAY, "TAKE ME." I JUST DIDN'T BITCH ABOUT IT WHEN I GOT CALLED UP.

AT THE TIME, IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THE WRONG THING TO DO.



BUT ONCE I GOT TO NAM... IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.

YOU PEOPLE, PROTESTERS... NO OFFENSE.

YOU FOCUS ON THE DEAD, WHO'S BEING KILLED.



BUT THEY'RE THE LUCKY ONES.

THEY DON'T HAVE TO LIVE WITH MEMORIES.

IT'S NOT JUST A WAR THAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE.



HEY, FAR OUT. WE'RE FINALLY MOVING.

SLOWLY, BUT STILL...



HEY, SO HOW LONG WERE YOU THERE?

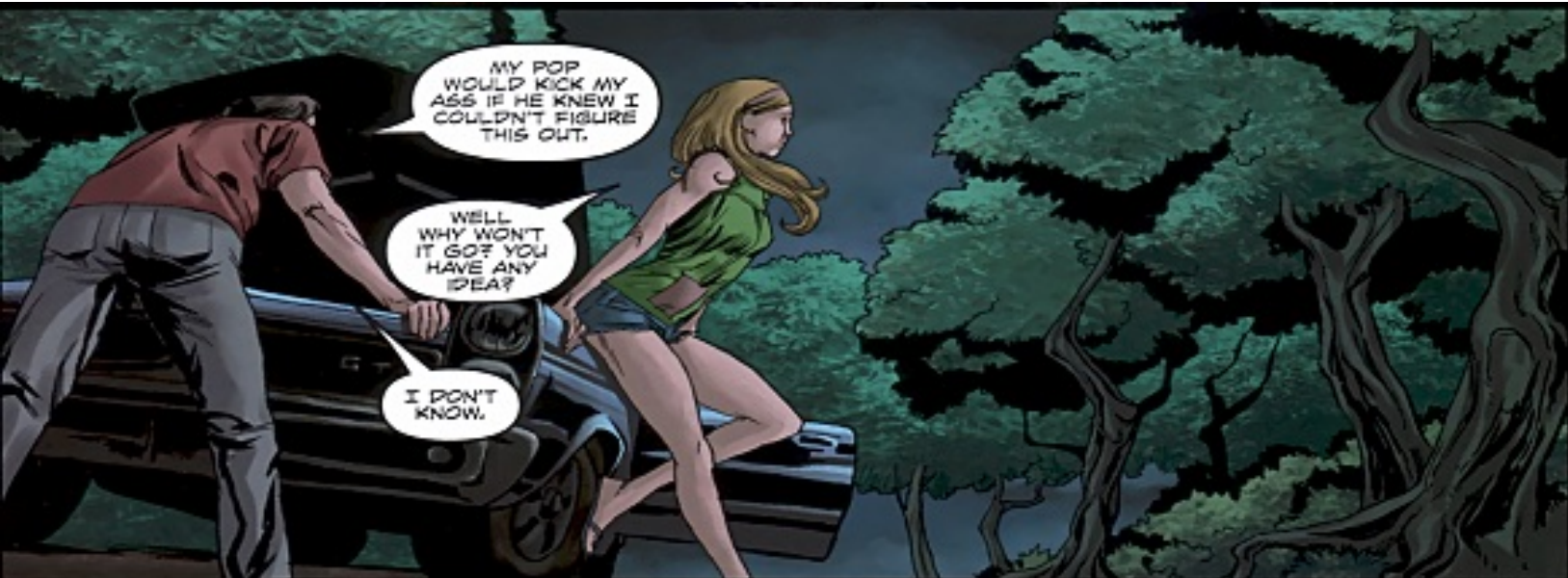
THIRTY-EIGHT DAYS.

REALLY? THAT'S NOT TOO BAD.

UM... I KNOW, THAT WAS STUPID. I'M SORRY.

HOW DID YOU GET HOME SO QUICK?





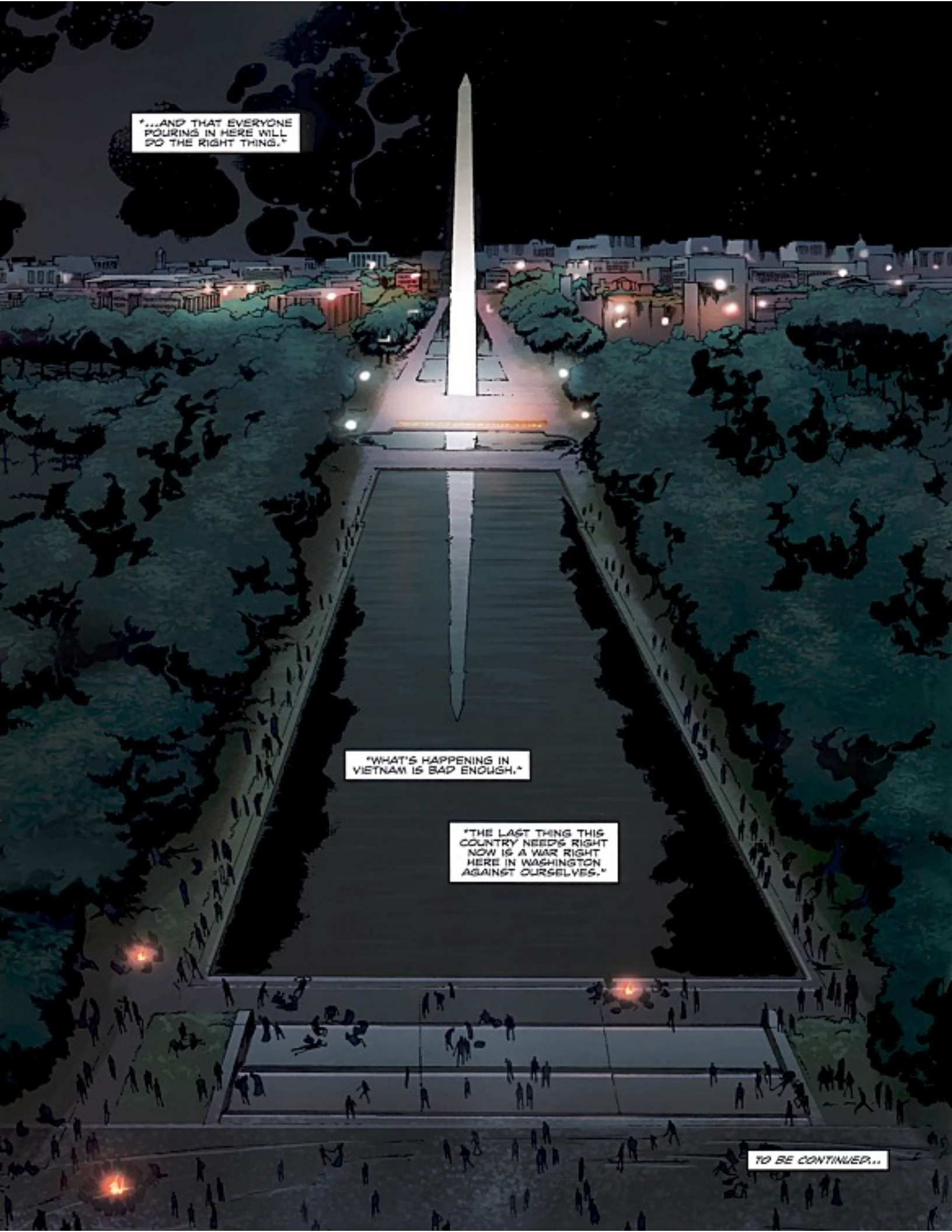












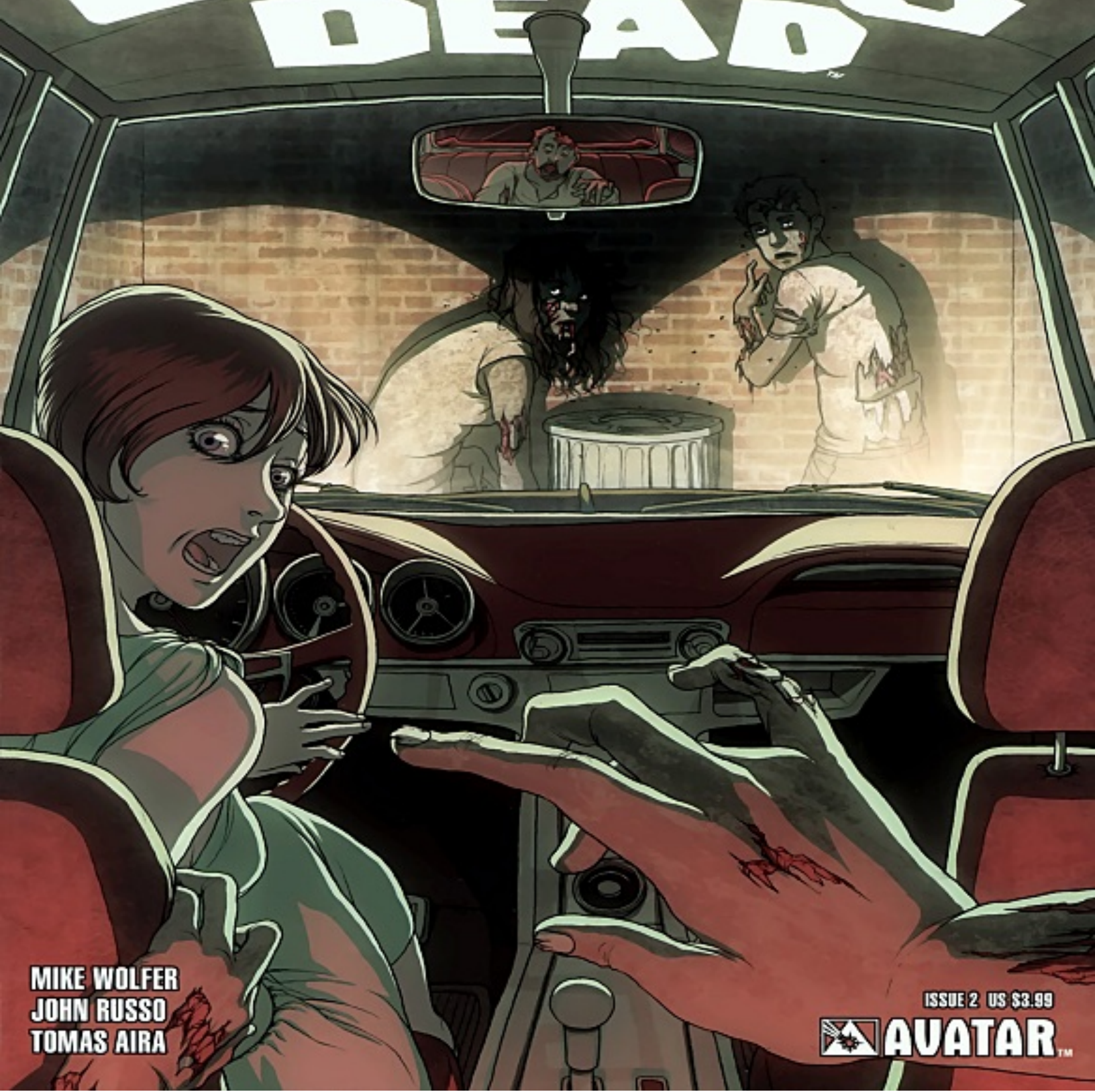
"...AND THAT EVERYONE
POURING IN HERE WILL
DO THE RIGHT THING."

"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
VIETNAM IS BAD ENOUGH."

"THE LAST THING THIS
COUNTRY NEEDS RIGHT
NOW IS A WAR RIGHT
HERE IN WASHINGTON
AGAINST OURSELVES."

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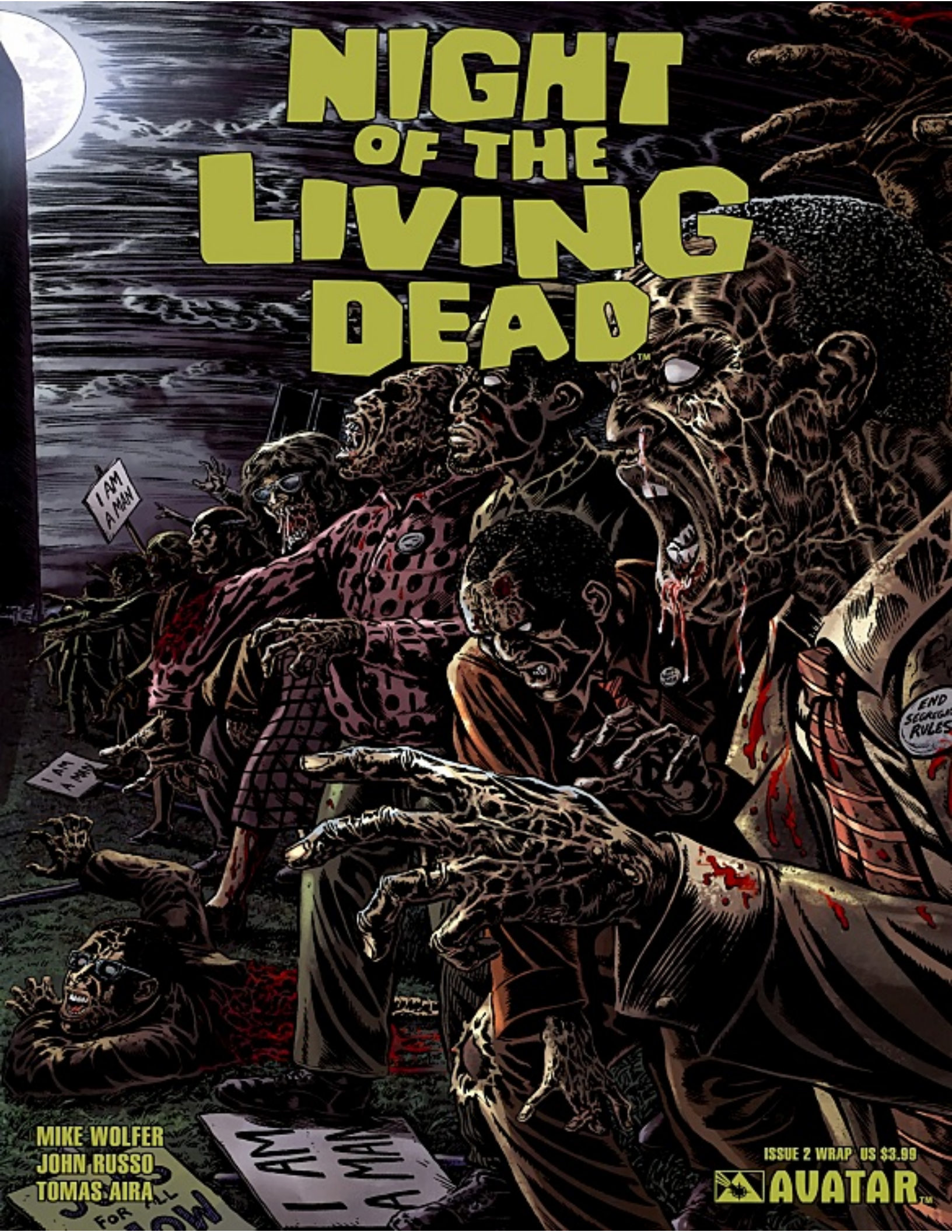


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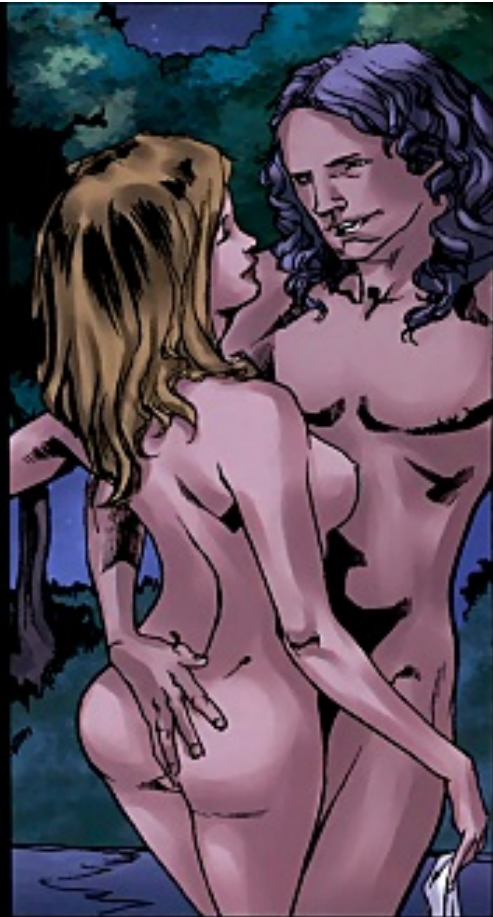
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HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SO MUCH PUSSY IN YOUR LIFE?

DAMN. I THINK WHEN I SIGNED-UP I GOT IN THE WRONG LINE.

FRONT AND CENTER, 74TH.



YOU KNOW THE DRILL. WE SIT IN A HOLDING PATTERN HERE BEHIND THE TREE LINE.

NOW, YOU'RE GONNA SEE THESE HIPPIE FUCKS ENGAGING IN ALL SORTS OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, BUT THAT'S FOR THE CAPITOL POLICE TO DEAL WITH.



OUR JOB IS TO INTIMIDATE. THAT'S IT.

NONE OF THESE PEACE AND LOVE FREAKS HAS THE BALLS TO RAISE A FIST ANYHOW, SO DON'T YOU DO IT FIRST.

THAT'S IT. TAKE YOUR POSITIONS AND ENJOY THE FREE TITTY SHOW.



HOW'S THE OLD LADY DOIN', SMITTY? SHE HOLDIN' UP?


YEAH, MAN. AS GOOD AS SHE CAN. ACTUALLY, NO, SHE'S NOT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO.



ABOUT WHAT?


EVERYTHING. SHIPPING OUT, I'M GONNA LOSE HER, WHETHER I COME BACK OR NOT.



"YEAH, I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA SAY THAT'S A BUNCH OF JIVE, BUT IT'S FOR REAL. SHE MAKES THREATS."


"SOMETIMES SHE TALKS DIVORCE, DEAD SERIOUS. SHE SAID THAT AFTER I GO TO 'NAM, SHE MIGHT HAVE THE BABY, MOVE BACK TO MISSISSIPPI WITH HER FOLKS AND FORGET I EXIST. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE MARRIED TO A MURDERER."

"IT'S NOT FAIR. EVERYTHING'S FALLING APART."



"AND WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO? NOTHING."

"I LOSE LANANDA AND THE BABY, MAYBE LOSE AN ARM OR A LEG OR MY FACE OVER THERE..."



"AND COME BACK HERE TO GET SPIT ON AND CALLED A BABY KILLER."



"I'M NOT KIDDING..."

"I'LL PISS RIGHT HERE ON THE SIDEWALK IF WE DON'T FIND A TOILET IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES."

"WHAT ABOUT IN THERE?"



"DO CHURCHES HAVE RESTROOMS?"

"YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?"

"WELL I DON'T KNOW, DO THEY?"















MAN,
THIS IS
OUTTA
SIGHT.

AMEN,
BROTHER.
THIS IS
OUTTA
SIGHT.

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
MAN? ISN'T
THIS OUTTA
SIGHT?



MAN, I
WAS JUST
GONNA SAY
THAT THIS IS
OUTTA SIGHT.

I KNEW
THAT YOU
WERE GONNA
SAY THAT YOU
WERE GONNA
SAY THAT.

CUZ I'M
PSYCHIC,
MAN.



WE NEED
TO SCORE
SOME MORE
WEED, LIKE
SOON.

HEY, LET'S
GO ASK THEM
IF THEY'RE
HOLDIN', YOU
WANNA?

CAPITAL
IDEA, MY
GOOD
MAN.



HEY, MAN,
MAYBE YOU
SOUL BROTHERS
CAN HELP US
OUT.

WE'RE
LOOKING TO
SCORE SOME
REEFER,
DIG?



YOU GUYS
NEED TO BACK
OFF AND GET
BACK TO YOUR
PARTY, GO ON.

THIS IS
BULLSHIT.

IF YOU
COME ANY
FURTHER, WE'LL
HAVE TO TAKE
ACTION.







SO IS YOUR BOYFRIEND COMING BACK OUT OR WHAT?

I KNOW. I'M GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF THIS CRAP, ALWAYS IN THE BACK SEAT.

I WON'T ASK.

I SPEND A LOT OF TIME WAITING AROUND FOR HIM WHILE HE'S HELD-UP FOR A MILLION DIFFERENT REASONS.



THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING, MAYBE HE'S JUST A BUSY GUY.

HOW ABOUT WE TALK ABOUT YOU, CHRISTIAN.

UH-HUH. READING YOU LOUD AND CLEAR.



OKAY, FINE.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

I DON'T SEE A RING ON YOUR FINGER.

NOPE.



I DON'T SEE ONE ON YOURS.

NOPE. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT DEFENDING DEMOCRACY?

I DON'T KNOW. UNCLE SAM YANKED ME OUT OF COLLEGE BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO FIND OUT.



WHY ARE YOU HERE, THOUGH? I MEAN, IT'S DANGEROUS, ISN'T IT? THAT ARMY JACKET IS LIKE A TARGET TO THESE PEOPLE.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I'M SAFER HERE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE... CONSIDERING WHY I CAME TO DC.

AND THAT WOULD BE WHY?



I'M HERE TO EXPOSE SOMETHING THAT'S GOING ON OVER IN 'NAM. THE TRUTH. I'VE SEEN A LOT, THINGS THAT PEOPLE BACK HERE DON'T KNOW ABOUT...

THINGS THAT THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS, BUT IS IGNORING, BECAUSE IT'S NOT IMPORTANT, APPARENTLY.









SINCE I ANNOUNCED I WOULDN'T RUN FOR RE-ELECTION, NONE OF THEM HAVE STOPPED KNOCKING ON THE DOOR.

BUT I'M NOT CHANGING MY MIND. I'M ENDORSING HUBERT, AND SO ARE THE UNIONS.

HE'S A GOOD MAN, A GOOD LEADER. I HATE TO DROP ALL OF THIS IN HIS LAP, THE COUNTRY BEING IN THE STATE IT'S IN.



WHAT'S THE PROTEST SITUATION LIKE DOWN AT THE NATIONAL MALL?

STABLE, FOR THE MOMENT. THE PRESS IS ESTIMATING 10,000 ARE THERE NOW, ANOTHER 30,000 TO 60,000 TO ARRIVE BY TOMORROW NIGHT.

AND ALL AVAILABLE NATIONAL GUARD UNITS ARE IN PLACE?

YES, SIR.



GOOD. LET'S HOPE EVERYONE KEEPS LEVEL HEADS. I CAN'T AFFORD ANY MISTAKES.

I'VE TAKEN THE BLAME FOR SO MUCH ALREADY...

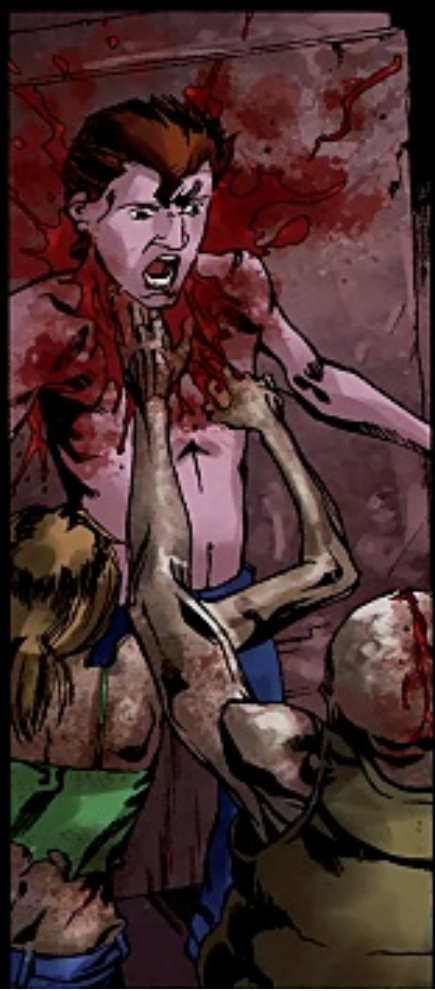


"THE LAST THING I NEED IS CRONKITE TELLING AMERICA THAT I CAN'T EVEN CONTROL A BUNCH OF HIPPIES IN MY OWN BACKYARD."













NOW... WE
GOTTA RUN
NOW!

OH,
GOD,
PETEY...

DON'T
LOOK,
JUST
GO!



WATCH
IT!



MARY
JANE!

GO!
DON'T
STOP!!!

WE'LL BE
SAFE...



...OUTSIDE...

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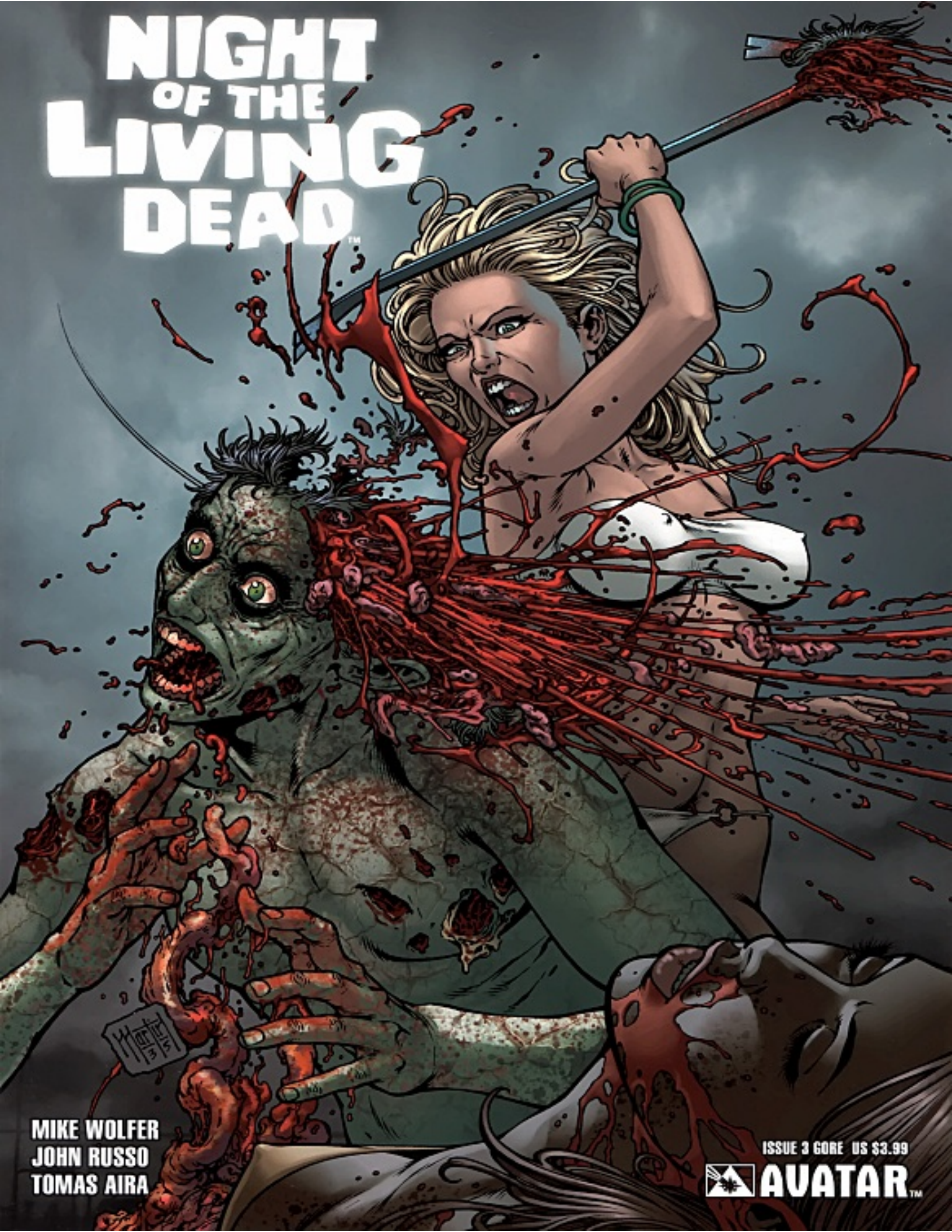
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HEY, FUCK YOU, MAN!

YEAH, FUCK YOU, MAN, YOU COMMUNIST PIG-FUCKERS!

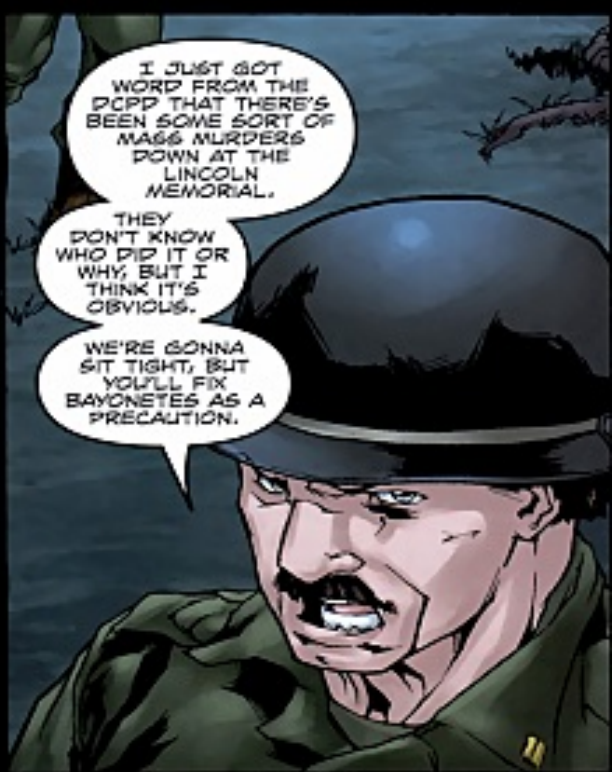


SMITH! YOU GOT A PROBLEM?

NO, SIR.

KEEP IT THAT WAY.

LET'S GO, F4TH! FALL IN!



I JUST GOT WORD FROM THE DCPD THAT THERE'S BEEN SOME SORT OF MASS MURDERS DOWN AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

THEY DON'T KNOW WHO DID IT OR WHY, BUT I THINK IT'S OBVIOUS.

WE'RE GONNA SIT TIGHT, BUT YOU'LL FIX BAYONETES AS A PRECAUTION.



GAS MASKS AND TEAR GAS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

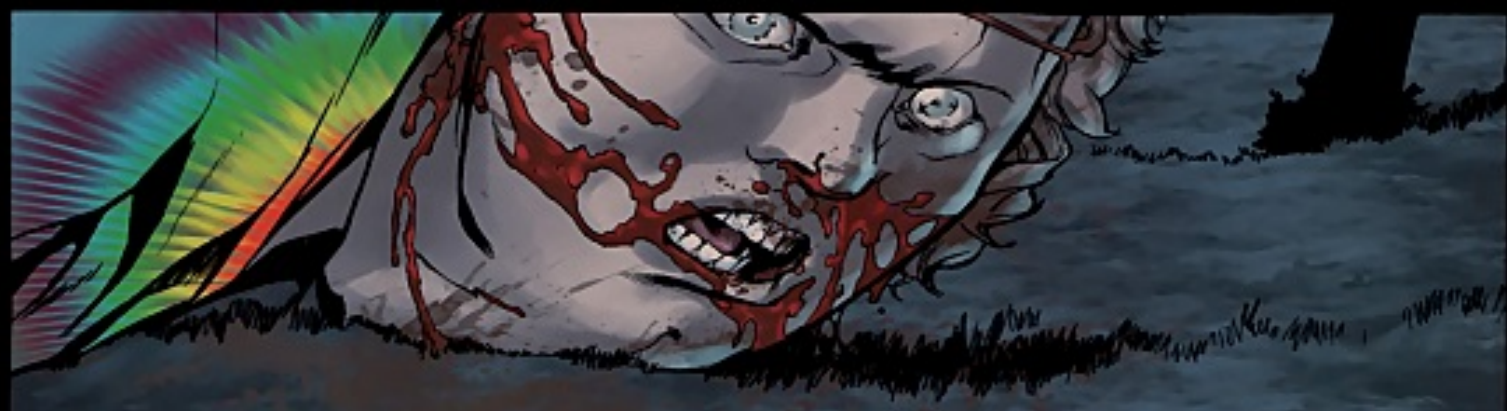
BUT NOBODY 'GOES' UNTIL I SAY, 'GO,' YOU GET ME?

YES, SIR.



WHEN I KNOW MORE, YOU'LL KNOW MORE, BUT UNTIL THEN, STAY SHARP.

GET BACK TO YOUR POSTS.







MR. PRESIDENT,
SIR, I HAVE AN
UPDATE FOR YOU ON
THE SITUATION AT
THE NATIONAL
MALL.

THAT DOESN'T
SOUND
PROMISING...



...IF IT'S
GONE FROM A
"PROTEST" TO A
"SITUATION,"
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

INFORMATION
IS STILL
SKETCHY, BUT
THERE'S BEEN
VIOLENCE, 23
PEOPLE KILLED ON
THE STEPS OF THE
LINCOLN
MEMORIAL.

OH, LORD,
NO... THE NATIONAL
GUARD?



NO, NO. THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
HAS NO IDEA, BUT IT
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS
MOST LIKELY
PROTESTORS, BOTH
VICTIMS AND
ASSAILANTS.

WHICH
DOESN'T MAKE
IT SIT ANY
BETTER. THAT'S
TERRIBLE.

THERE'S
MORE,
ISN'T
THERE?



WELL,
YES.

IT'S
UNSUBSTANTIATED,
TOTALLY
UNCONFIRMED.

WHAT
IS?



EYEWITNESSES
TO THE MURDERS...
THEY SAY THE
ATTACKERS WERE
ZOMBIES.

SOME OF
THE VICTIMS'
BODIES WERE
PARTIALLY
EATEN. I
THINK...

IT'S POSSIBLE
THAT THE
PLAGUE ISN'T
OVER LIKE WE
THOUGHT.















GO HOME!
PIS!

I'M
READY.



GO BACK TO
THE WAR,
MURDERER!

WELL,
YOU'RE ON,
BROTHER.

YOU'RE
DOING A
REALLY
BRAVE
THING.



MY NAME IS
CORPORAL
CHRISTIAN NORRIS,
J COMPANY, 86TH
AIRBORNE
DIVISION, US
ARMY.

BURN IN
HELL!

I'M HERE
TO READ A
LETTER
ADDRESSED TO
PRESIDENT
LYNDON B.
JOHNSON.



MR.
PRESIDENT.

I AM A
PROUD AMERICAN
AND I LOVE MY
COUNTRY DEARLY.
WHEN I WAS CALLED,
I ANSWERED, WITHOUT
HESITATION AND
WITHOUT QUESTION.

IN JULY OF 1967, I
WAS DEPLOYED TO
SOUTH VIETNAM, AND WAS
DETERMINED TO DO
EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO
ENSURE THAT DEMOCRACY
STAYED WITHIN THE HANDS
OF THE VIETNAMESE
PEOPLE.

I WAS
IDEALISTIC, AND THE
POLITICS OF WHY WE ARE
THERE WERE LOST TO ME.
BUT I DID NOT WRITE THIS
LETTER TO EXPLAIN WHO I
AM. THE TORMENT IN ONE
MAN'S SOUL, MY SOUL, IS
UNIMPORTANT IN THE
OVERALL SCHEME OF
THINGS.

INSTEAD,
THIS LETTER IS
DESIGNED TO LET
YOU KNOW WHAT IS
REALLY GOING ON IN
VIETNAM, BECAUSE I
HAVE LIVED IT, AND
YOU NEED TO
KNOW.

JUST SOUTH OF THE DEMARCATION LINE WITH NORTH VIETNAM WAS A VILLAGE NAMED HOI LAI.

ON OCTOBER 16TH, 1967, J COMPANY WAS ORDERED INTO HOI LAI TO DO RECONNAISSANCE BECAUSE OF SUSPECTED VIET CONG ACTIVITY WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

J COMPANY ENTERED HOI LAI AND WAS THERE FOR MORE THAN 36 HOURS.



DURING THAT TIME, WE UNCOVERED NOT ONE ENEMY COMBATANT, NO EVIDENCE OF VIET CONG ACTIVITY AND NOT ONE ROUND WAS FIRED AGAINST US.

BUT BEFORE J COMPANY WAS PULLED OUT, OVER 300 SOUTH VIETNAMESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAD BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED.



THE FIRST SUSPECTED ENEMY TO DIE WAS IN A RICE PADDY OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE, WHOSE CRIME WAS RUNNING WHEN WE APPROACHED. SHE WAS SHOT BY A PRIVATE, ON DIRECT ORDER.

THE GIRL WAS ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD AND WAS TRYING TO RECOVER HER BABY, WHO WAS 15 FEET AWAY FROM HER, SLEEPING IN A WICKER BASKET AS SHE WORKED IN THE FIELD.

WHEN WE GOT TO HER, SHE WAS STILL ALIVE, CRYING AND BEGGING FOR MERCY.



THE COMMANDING OFFICER FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS INTO THE BABY, BEFORE KILLING THE MOTHER.

ONCE WE WERE IN THE VILLAGE, IT ONLY GOT WORSE, AND IT BECAME A DISGUSTING, HORRIFIC BLOODBATH BEYOND IMAGINING. IT WAS INHUMAN WHAT WE DID. ONE SOLDIER COMMENTED THAT THE VIETNAMESE WEREN'T EVEN HUMAN, SO IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT WE DID.

WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED AND PLEADING FOR THEIR LIVES, VILLAGERS WERE ROUNDED UP AND TORTURED, BURNED ALIVE OR DISMEMBERED IN FRONT OF THEIR FAMILIES.



YOUNG GIRLS HAD THEIR THROATS SLIT WHILE THEY WERE BEING RAPED.

BABIES WERE REPEATEDLY THROWN AGAINST THE GROUND TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY COULD ENDURE BEFORE THEIR SKIN RUPTURED.

DOZENS WERE HERDED INTO DITCHES AND SPRAYED WITH AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE, AND THOSE WHO SURVIVED AND CRAWLED TO THE SURFACE OF THE DEAD WERE HIT BY GRENADE LAUNCHERS.



THE ONLY SHOT I FIRED WAS INTO MY OWN LEG, SO THAT I COULD BE MEDEVACED OUT.

AND NO ONE WILL TALK, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THE SLAUGHTER EVEN HAPPENED. THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS, AND THE VILLAGE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND AND BURIED.

I WILL NOT NAME THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED. THAT IS FOR YOU TO UNCOVER.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SLEEP WELL TONIGHT, MR. PRESIDENT.











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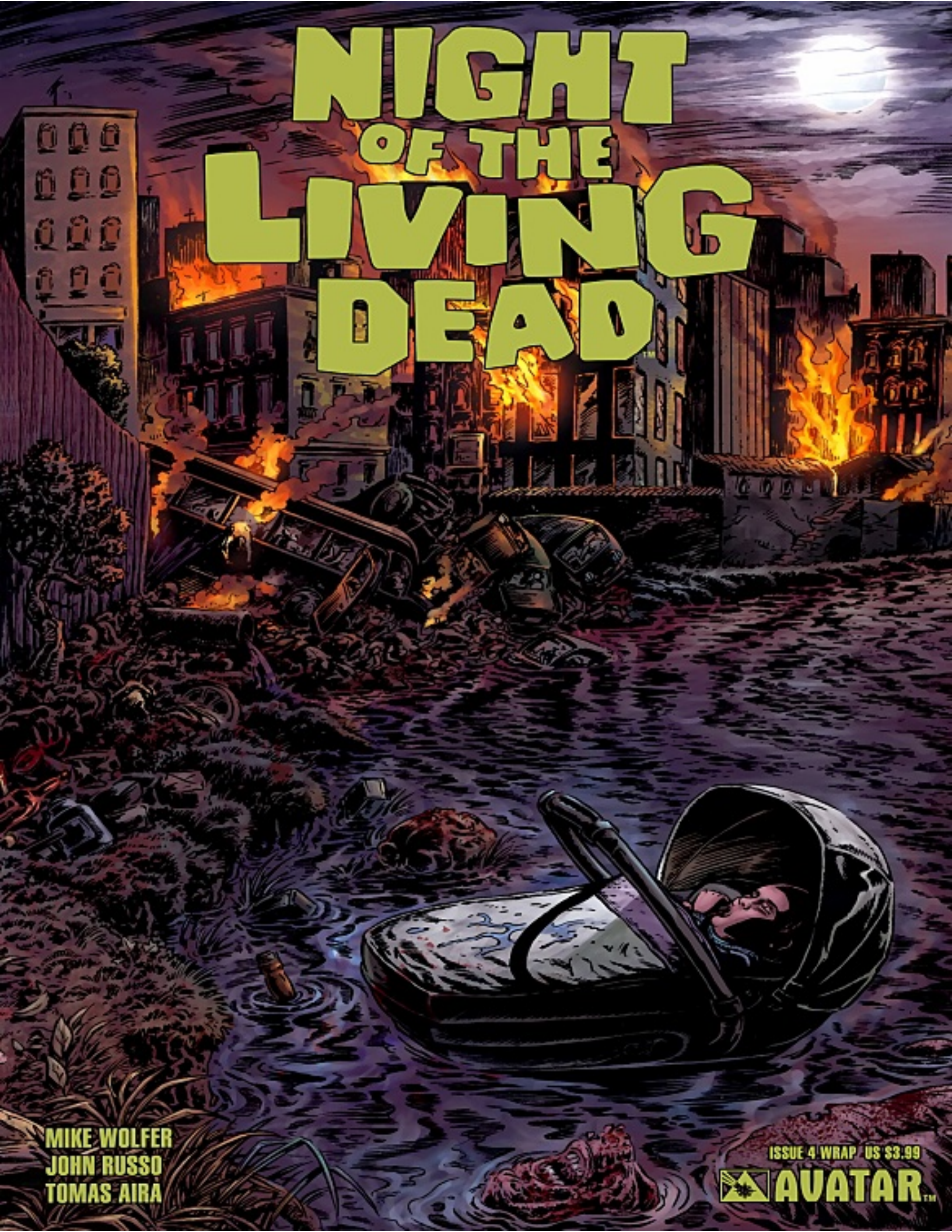
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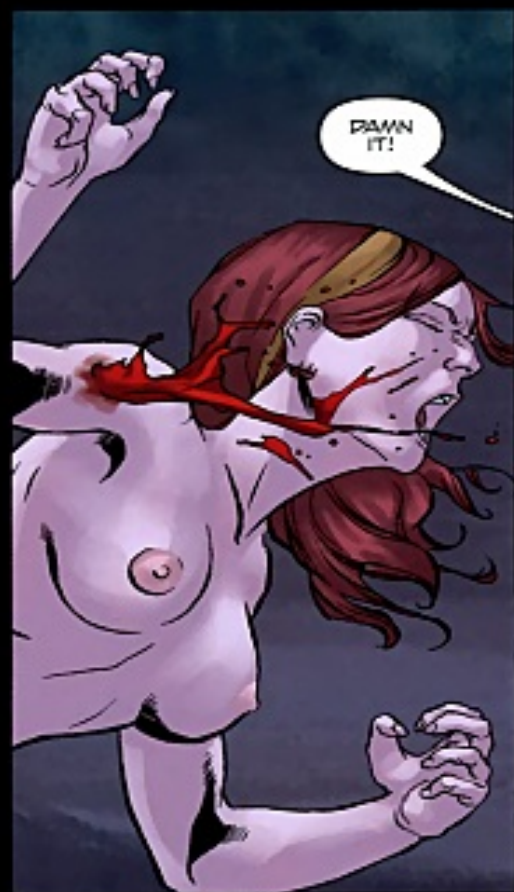
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GO ON!
JUST GO!

HEY,
MAN...



YOU'RE
GONNA HAVE TO
LIVE WITH WHAT
YOU JUST DID TO
THAT GIRL FOR THE
REST OF YOUR
LIFE.

IMAGINE
PULLING THAT
TRIGGER AND
ACTUALLY
KILLING
SOMEONE.



HEY!

GET
BACK!



DON'T!
PLEASE!

I WAS
FOLLOWING
ORDERS!

THEY
SHOT
FIRST!









NOW,
LOOK,
SOLDIER,
CUT THE
SHIT!

I WANT A
STRAIGHT
ANSWER!



DID YOU
FIRE YOUR
WEAPON?!

YES, SIR...
AFTER YOU
GAVE THE
ORDER.

I NEVER
GAVE THE
GOD DAMN
ORDER, YOU
INBRED PIECE
OF SHIT!

DID YOU
FIRE FIRST,
BUCKNER?!



WE'RE ALL
IN A WORLD
O' SHIT IF
THAT'S THE
CASE.

WELL,
WHAT'S THE
STORY,
SERGEANT?



I SAW
SOMEONE
BEHIND THE
TRUCK AND WENT
AROUND TO
CHECK IT OUT.

THERE WERE
ABOUT 5
PROTESTERS IN THE
DARK. THEY
JUMPED ME AN' I
FOUGHT BACK.

ONE HAD
A GUN, SHOT
AT ME AND
MISSED. HIT ONE
OF HIS FRIENDS
IN THE HEAD
AND KILLED HIM.

THEY
SCATTERED
WHEN EVERYONE
OUT FRONT
OPENED FIRE.



YOU MEN
HEARD IT.
THAT'S WHAT
HAPPENED, YOU
GOT IT?

GET DOWN
TO THE LINE OF
ENGAGEMENT
AND MAKE
YOURSELF
USEFUL.

LYN'
MOTHERFUCKER.



WHAT WAS THAT, SMITH?

HE SAID, "HE'S LIKE HIS MOTHER AND FATHER."

BULLSHIT.

WHAT?



YOU HEARD ME.

YOU KNOW HE'S LYING, AND YOU'LL SWEAR TO IT TO COVER YOUR OWN ASS.

THERE'S INNOCENT PEOPLE DEAD OUT THERE FOR NO REASON.



"NO REASON, OTHER THAN WE'RE ALL SCARED SHITLESS."



"THEM, AND US."



"SO WE'LL ALL JUST KILL AND BLAME EACH OTHER, BECAUSE IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW ANYHOW."



IT LOOKS LIKE YOU AND ME ARE GONNA NEED TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING, SMITH...

JESUS CHRIST! LOOK AT 'EM!

NOW WHAT THE HELL?







MMMOHHMMMMMMMMMOHHMMMM



MMMOHHMMMMMMMMMOHHMMMM













YEAH.

LET'S
GET THE
FUCK OUT
OF HERE.

YEAH.

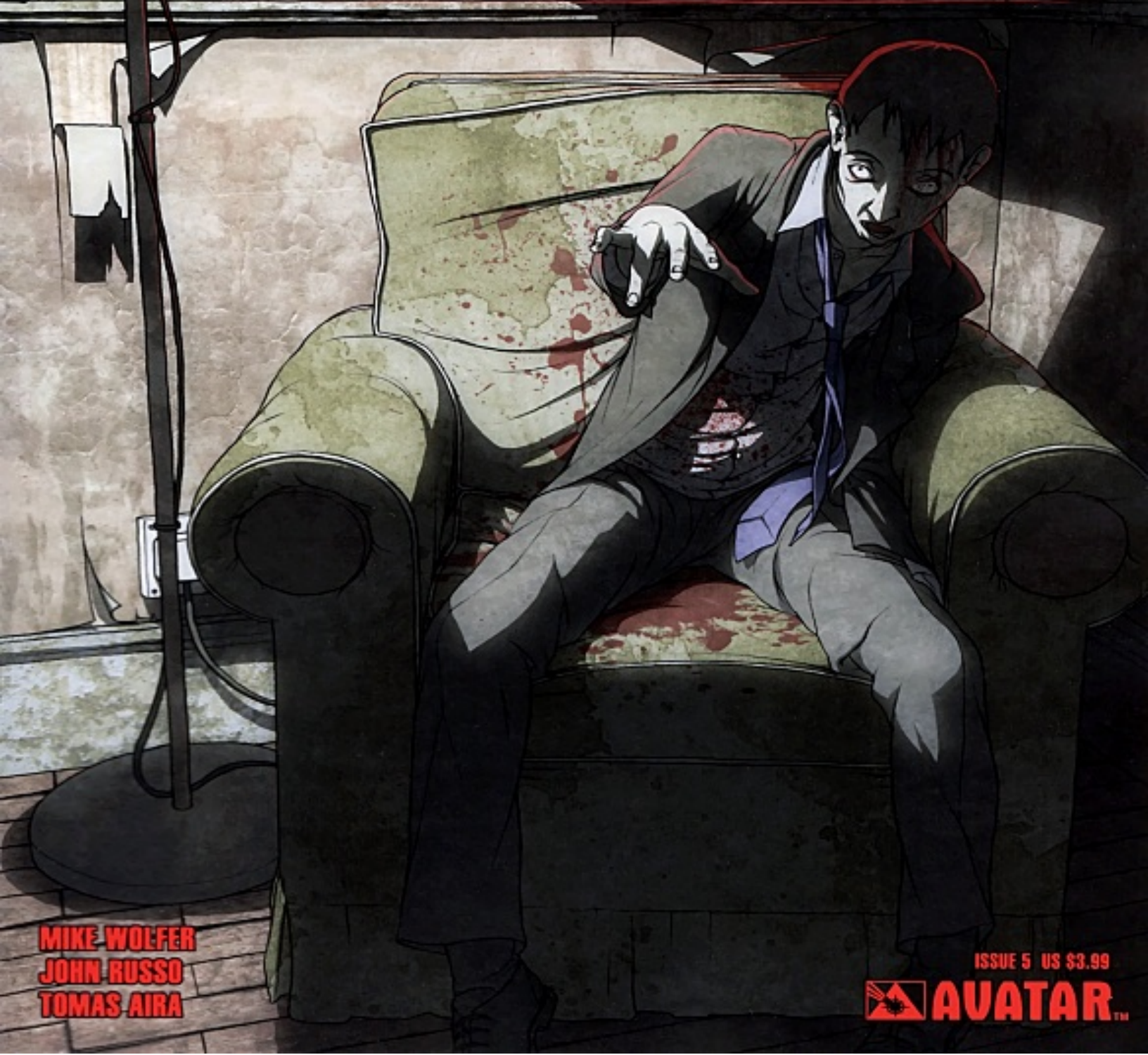








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...IN WASHINGTON D.C. THIS EVENING, AS AN ANTI-WAR PROTEST HAS ERUPTED INTO VIOLENCE.

REPORTERS IN THE FIELD SAY THAT MASSIVE GUNFIRE HAS BEEN HEARD IN THE AREA OF THE REFLECTING POOL, WHICH SPANS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL AND THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

IT IS IN THIS AREA THAT THE ORGANIZED PROTEST IS CENTERED, WHERE HUNDREDS, PERHAPS THOUSANDS OF YOUNG DEMONSTRATORS HAVE BEEN CAMPED, AWAITING TOMORROW'S RALLY.

THE RIOTING BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER 9:30 PM AFTER A RALLY SPEECH BY POLITICAL ACTIVIST ROBBIE NEWMAN AND A GUEST SPEAKER. THE NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS WHO HAVE SURROUNDED THE AREA AS A DETERRENT TO VIOLENT ACTION BY THE RADICALS WERE THEN ATTACKED, BUT THE SOURCE OF THE REPORTED GUNFIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AS YET, FROM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE 74TH TROOP COMMAND OF D.C.'S ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

FURTHER CONFUSING AN ALREADY VOLATILE SITUATION, FANTASTIC ACCOUNTS OF UNDEAD GHOULS ROAMING THE STREETS NEAR THE NATIONAL MALL ARE BEING CIRCULATED BY THE PROTESTERS. THESE STORIES ARE ENTIRELY FICTIONAL AND ARE SIMPLY A PLOY TO GENERATE FEAR IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND STRENGTHEN ANTI-GOVERNMENT SENTIMENT.



WORD FROM WHITE HOUSE SOURCES CONFIRM THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON WILL BE FLYING TO CAMP DAVID FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING, BUT THIS IS IN NO WAY RELATED TO, OR PRECIPITATED BY, THE RIOTING.

WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED WITH THE MOST RELIABLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS THIS SHOCKING STORY DEVELOPS.

IN THE WTOP NEWSROOM, THIS HAS BEEN GEORGE ANDREWS REPORTING.







BUT I
WANTED
THINGS TO
CHANGE IN A
DIFFERENT
WAY.

NOT LIKE
THIS. NOT WITH
VIOLENCE, AND
BLOOD AND
MURDER...

I JUST
DIDN'T...









MARINE 1 IS READY, MR. PRESIDENT, AND I'VE RELAYED YOUR STATEMENT TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

GOOD. ARE THE REPORTS FROM CAMP DAVID STILL FAVORABLE?

THE HEAD OF SECURITY REPORTS "ALL SECURE."

I DON'T LIKE LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE, HANK.



YOUR SAFETY IS MY PRIMARY CONCERN, AND IT'S WHAT'S BEST FOR THIS COUNTRY RIGHT NOW.

HAVE YOU SEEN MY LATEST PUBLIC APPROVAL RATINGS?

I CAN'T GET OUT OF OFFICE FAST ENOUGH TO SUIT THEM.

WE'VE PAINTED THIS AS SOMETHING IT'S NOT, TO CONTAIN ANY PANIC.

BUT THE TRUTH WILL BE OUT WHEN THE SUN COMES UP. TONIGHT, IT'S THE "RIGHT" THING TO DO.

TOMORROW... WELL, WE'LL SEE ABOUT TOMORROW.

GET THE PRESIDENT INSIDE!



GET AIRBORNE! NOW!

GET THE PRESIDENT OUT OF HERE!



"IF THERE IS A TOMORROW..."











OKAY, THEN.
WHAT'S OUR PLAN, HERE?



LOT OF WINDOWS IN HERE. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WEAPONS TO COVER THEM ALL.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THOSE THINGS? ARE THEY ATTRACTED TO LIGHT?
WHAT IF WE SHUT OFF THE LIGHTS?

OH, NO, NO WAY. I AM NOT SITTING IN HERE IN THE DARK.



WHO CARES WHAT YOU WANT, TRACY?

SCREW YOU!

SCREW YOU.

WHAT IF THEY DO GO FOR LIGHTS?

WE'LL DO WHATEVER WE ALL AGREE ON.

AND YOU TRUST THEM?

I MEAN, COME ON! SOLDIERS?

GOD, YOU ARE SO STUPID!



HEY! LAURA!

YOU BITCH!
GET OFF OF ME!



















"...SO IT IS WITH
RENEWED HOPE
IN THE HUMAN
SPIRIT THAT I
SPEAK BEFORE
YOU TODAY."

"WE HAVE
WEATHERED
ALMOST
UNBEARABLE
STORMS THIS
PAST YEAR."

"AND SHOULDERED
ALMOST UNBEARABLE
BURDENS."



"SOME OF US HAVE
GIVEN OUR LIVES IN THE
SERVICE OF GOD..."

"WHILE OTHERS
HAVE PROUDLY
DIED IN THE
SERVICE OF
OUR COUNTRY."



"BUT STILL, WE SING A SONG
OF HOPE FOR TOMORROW..."



"TO BE
NURTURED IN
OUR CHILDREN,
FOR THEY ARE
OUR TRUE
HOPE."

